

The Bookseller Fives 2010 - national publishing 5-a-side championships

Cup Champions: Central Books

Cup Runners-Up: HarperCollins

Top Scorer: Louis Robinson (Bertrams)

Player of the Tournament: Sofiane Ferrad (Central Books)

Plate Champions: Wolters Kluwer Stealth

Plate Runners-Up: Routledge FC

Saturday 25th September saw the twelfth annual UK publishing 5-a-side championships, The Bookseller Fives, take place in sunny (but cold!) north London. The event brought together seventeen teams from across the industry all determined to uphold their firm's honour of the football pitches! The Competition was made up of 4 groups, three of four teams and one of five – finishing in the top two places in the group would guarantee Cup knock-out football, while those outside those top positions would play in a Plate knock-out.

In Group A the draw had thrown together two of the strongest teams from last year's event – holders **Bertrams FC** and **Diviniti Publishing**, last year's Cup finalists. They met in the very first game of the group and it was Bertrams who took the honours in a 4-1 win. The second meeting of the two later in the group was a 0-0 draw, with those being the only points that Bertram's would drop as they won the group, while Diviniti only dropped points in those two games to finish second and qualify for the Cup. Elsewhere **Palgrave Macmillan** and **Waterstone's** both consequently found the going tough in the group with each beating the other once on their way to the Plate competition.

Group B was also to be dominated by two teams – **Dorling Kindersley** and **Simon & Schuster** both turned in great group stages to finish on 12 and 11 points respectively and to take the top two spots. **Penguin Athletic** had some useful group results but only one win which scuppered their Cup qualification bid, while event sponsors **The Bookseller** grabbed a couple of draws (including one against DK) but couldn't manage a win – it was these two who would exit Group B into the Plate.

It was a similar story in Group C too – **HarperCollins** and **Central Books** both finished undefeated and tied on 10 points apiece with HarperCollins edging matters on goal difference. This left the other three teams in Group C with the problem of where the points would come from – **Wolters Kluwer Stealth** and **Taylor & Francis** managed a win and a draw each to end on 4 points, but **Random House** found the group very tough and exited without any points on the board.

Group D was dominated by **Oxford University Press** with an impressive 100% record. **TBS** came in second having only been beaten by OUP. **Routledge FC** and **Wolters Kluwer** got a win each in their two games against each other, which WK augmented with a draw against TBS - neither were going to be close to the second spot though and the Plate competition was their destiny for the afternoon's knock-out games.

After a well-earned break and some lunch the knock-out stages commenced with a Plate knock-out play-off game for a spot in the quarters. Here **Random House** found their form to turn in a 9-0 win over **The Bookseller**. This was as far as **Random House** would go though as **WK Stealth** won the quarter between the two 4-0. Also going through from the Plate quarters were **Taylor & Francis**, **Waterstone's** and **Routledge FC**, the latter two on penalties. **Routledge** then edged out **Waterstone's** in a 2-1 win in the semi's, while **WK Stealth** marched to the Plate final with a 5-2 win over **Taylor & Francis**. With the momentum now firmly with them **Wolters Kluwer Stealth** dominated the final and took the Plate title by beating **Routledge 7-0**. Tough on the **Routledge** guys but very well done to **The Bookseller Fives 2010 Plate champs Wolters Kluwer Stealth**.

The Cup competition started with the quarter-final stage and a series of big wins, most notably for **Bertrams (10-0)** and **Central Books (8-0)**, which set a semi between the two. Elsewhere in the quarters though **HarperCollins** and **Diviniti Publishing** both triumphed in free-scoring matches to set up a semi between themselves. The holders **Bertrams** are also two-time overall **Top Corner Champions** having recently retained this title, but they had no answer for a sizzling **Central Books** display, particularly from the **Central Books** number 9, **Sofiane Ferrad** who was really finding his touch by this stage – it was **Central Books** into the Cup final off the back of an 8-2 win. The other semi saw **HarperCollins** (champions in 1999, 2003 and 2008) triumph 4-1 over **Diviniti** and set up the final against **Central Books**. Here **Central Books** stormed to a 3-0 lead before **HarperCollins** roused themselves and made it 3-1. Any hopes of a **HarperCollins** fight back were short-lived though and **Central Books** went on to take the title with a 7-1 win – very well done, and congratulations on some truly great football that had the crowd gasping in awe.

This just left the individual awards to be settled – the Player of the Tournament was given to **Sofiane Ferrad** of **Central Books** despite a concerted challenge by **Louis Robinson** of **Bertrams**. **Louis's** consolation though was the award of the golden boot for **Top Scorer**. Very well done to both.

As organisers of the evening **Top Corner** would like to thank everyone for the great spirit that the games were played in and we do hope that you and your team enjoyed the day. We hope to see you back again next year for **The Bookseller Fives 2011**, when we plan to return to the more usual early summer date, and hopefully some warmer weather!

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Group stage results

Group A	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Bertrams FC	6	5	1	0	32	5	27	16
Diviniti Publishing	6	4	1	1	22	6	16	13
Palgrave Macmillan	6	1	0	5	14	27	-13	3
Waterstone's	6	1	0	5	3	33	-30	3

Group B	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Dorling Kindersley	6	3	3	0	15	5	10	12
Simon & Schuster	6	3	2	1	22	16	6	11
Penguin Athletic	6	1	3	2	12	17	-5	6
The Bookseller	6	0	2	4	9	20	-11	2

Group C	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
HarperCollins	4	3	1	0	20	9	11	10
Central Books	4	3	1	0	18	10	8	10
Wolters Kluwer Stealth	4	1	1	2	15	13	2	4
Taylor and Francis	4	1	1	2	12	13	-1	4
Random House	4	0	0	4	5	25	-20	0

Group D	P	W	D	L	F	A	GD	PTS
Oxford University Press	6	6	0	0	24	6	18	18
TBS	6	3	1	2	11	13	-2	10
Wolters Kluwer	6	1	1	4	10	16	-6	4
Routledge FC	6	1	0	5	10	20	-10	3

Bertrams FC	4	-	1	Diviniti Publishing
Waterstone's	0	-	8	Palgrave Macmillan
Bertrams FC	5	-	1	Palgrave Macmillan
Diviniti Publishing	3	-	0	Waterstone's
Diviniti Publishing	5	-	1	Palgrave Macmillan
Bertrams FC	10	-	1	Waterstone's
Waterstone's	2	-	1	Palgrave Macmillan
Bertrams FC	0	-	0	Diviniti Publishing
Bertrams FC	8	-	2	Palgrave Macmillan
Diviniti Publishing	6	-	0	Waterstone's
Bertrams FC	5	-	0	Waterstone's
Diviniti Publishing	7	-	1	Palgrave Macmillan

The Bookseller	1	-	1	Dorling Kindersley
Simon & Schuster	2	-	2	Penguin Athletic
The Bookseller	1	-	4	Penguin Athletic
Dorling Kindersley	3	-	0	Simon & Schuster
Dorling Kindersley	5	-	1	Penguin Athletic
The Bookseller	2	-	6	Simon & Schuster
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Dorling Kindersley	2	-	2	Simon & Schuster
The Bookseller	4	-	5	Simon & Schuster
Dorling Kindersley	1	-	1	Penguin Athletic

Central Books	5	-	5	HarperCollins
Random House	2	-	4	Taylor and Francis
Central Books	3	-	2	Wolters Kluwer Stealth
HarperCollins	6	-	0	Random House
Taylor and Francis	4	-	4	Wolters Kluwer Stealth
Central Books	7	-	2	Random House
HarperCollins	4	-	3	Taylor and Francis
Wolters Kluwer Stealth	8	-	1	Random House
Central Books	3	-	1	Taylor and Francis
Wolters Kluwer Stealth	1	-	5	HarperCollins

Wolters Kluwer	1	-	3	Oxford University Press
TBS	3	-	1	Routledge FC
Wolters Kluwer	3	-	2	Routledge FC
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Knockout stage results

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